Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I bid you all a Blessed and Holy Lent.

It continues to surprise and amaze me that all we do in this life is a representation of our lives lived in God's world, as well as our lives lived in opposition to it. In other words, we are living into our true godly purpose or we are, somehow, ignoring or running from that calling.

Recently, I was asked to attend a musical performance at one of the churches in my home town. It was a Sunday evening and I decided to attend and support the local cultural arts program. I arrived at the church very early. I had thought the performance was due to start at 7 pm. Turns out it was due to begin at 7:30. I was forty-five minutes early.

There were two people present in the church at the time. I didn't know either of them, but they appeared to be getting ready for the show. One was setting up the box office. I am not sure what the other person was tasked to do, but she began to complain. “Look at this,” she said to no one in particular, “this stuff should have been thrown out long ago. These things are months old!” She pointed to several boxes that seemed to contain old magazines. She then turned to me. “I hate clutter,” she informed me. “If it's not necessary, I say get rid of it.”

She looked at me pointedly. Clearly, she was asking for a response. “Well,” I said, “maybe we should get rid of these; they look like they could be dangerous.” This stopped her for a moment. Then she began to laugh. “They may not be dangerous, but they COULD be,” she said. I helped her move the offending boxes out to the dumpster and returned to the building. As others began to arrive for the show, my friend began folding programs. She handed one to me and said with a smile: “the danger has passed; enjoy the show.”

I did enjoy the show, but that phrase - “this stuff should have been thrown out long ago” - lingered with me. I wondered why. Of course, it has everything to do with Lent. Lent, the penitential season, has everything to do with removing the clutter from our lives. We keep boxes of old habits, negative thoughts, inappropriate patterns - all manner of stuff – that actually could be dangerous. Anything that pulls us away from God's purpose for us. We call that sin. Sin may not seem dangerous. Sometimes we may convince ourselves that it is not at all harmful. Some in our world may even try to convince us that sinful behavior is actually good for us. Guess
who that might be.

Lent is a penitential season, during which we are asked to remove all the sinful baggage from our lives. We all have that stuff. We all need to get rid of it so that we may be in closer accord with God's will for us. In fact, it is only as we offer that sin up to God for His forgiveness that it might be removed from us.

There are many books that help us with our prayer lives, particularly at this time of year. Praying the days of Lent is a good practice and I encourage you to spend time each day reading Scripture and meditating on our journey through Lent to Easter. One of my favorite books is called “The Days of Lent” by Frederick Dan Huntington. Bishop Huntington spent his life and ministry within the geographical area of our own diocese. He was born in Massachusetts, attended Dartmouth College and served as Bishop in Central New York. His own spiritual journey spanned the Calvinism of his Puritan cultural background, passed through the Unitarianism of the early Nineteenth Century and arrived at the spiritually uplifting Anglicanism of the mid-1800s.

Bishop Huntington, at one point in his little book, gives us a short meditation on St. Luke, xviii, 13, “God be merciful to me a sinner.” He writes: “All our evil, in act or word, or wish, or thought, is a direct wrong against the God of all goodness and purity. A wound is given to the infinite and loving Heart. 'He that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul'; but mark the first clause, - 'sinneth against me.' Sin is a personal affront, whose bitter consequences only the forgiveness of God Himself can remove, and toward which, with the publican, we must implore Him to be merciful. Not 'Nature be

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merciful," nor 'Laws of my constitution be merciful,' nor 'I will be merciful to myself,' but 'God be merciful;' nor yet 'God be merciful to sin in general,' but 'to me a sinner.'” Come to God for his mercy and forgiveness. Only this will prepare you for the wondrous joy of the Resurrection.

Blessings to you all! Once again, I bid you a holy Lent.  

Your Brother in Christ,  

+Brian

Notes from the Secretary

The 2013 annual parochial report form was sent either electronically or in the mail to all parishes and missions in mid-January. If you haven’t done so, please return the completed form to me (see my address on the report notice or in the NEA directory) so that the diocesan report can be submitted to the National Church by Feb 28.

Voting communicants are those parishioners over 18 years of age who are actively involved in the life of the parish, i.e., regularly attend services, support the parish financially (e.g. tithe, pledge or plate) and participate in church activities, as they are able. Only members meeting these criteria should be counted as voting communicants. Diocesan and National Support obligations are clarified on the form.

Please complete the form in its entirety so contact information (vestry, synod delegates, etc.) is up-to-date, and keep me informed if/when changes occur.

The Standing Committee met in January at the Diocesan office in Belchertown to carry out the business of the diocese. Dcn. Merrill Perkins, Fr. Hendy Webb and Mary Diffendall, elected to the committee at the last synod, were welcomed by Bp. Marsh. As always, the committee spent a significant amount of time discussing diocesan finances and how best to ensure canonical compliance by DNE parishes and missions in order to achieve a balanced budget.

As I look out my window at snow piled higher than my car, I realize, thankfully, this too shall pass.

Summer lies ahead and with it, the summer camp program. Please consider volunteering your time and talents to help with the program in any way you can, including administrative areas (e.g., fund raising, activity coordinating, registration, communications) and/or serving as a counselor. Any amount of time you can give to this endeavor will be greatly appreciated and it’s a wonderful opportunity to play a part in the spiritual growth of our youth.

Contact Bishop Williams or Allan Wylie (allan.wylie@gmail.com) for more information on how you can help.

St. Elizabeth’s, Tuxedo, NY has offered to host the 2014 Diocesan Synod – mark September 18-20 on your calendar. Details regarding lodging, pricing and the schedule will be made available once arrangements are in place.

If you haven’t done so, I encourage you to visit the ACA and DNE websites. They offer many links and a wealth of information on diocesan, national and global issues in the Church.

----- Peace to all of you, Linnea

A Note from Father Dibble

Please accept our thanks for all the support extended to us after the loss of our beloved Elijah November 4, 2013. The prayers, financial gifts, and offers of all types of help and support have touched us deeply, and enabled us to catch a breath or two which we would not have been able to catch otherwise. They say that God works through the hands of people, and these hands, your hands, have held us close. Please continue the prayers as we try to work through the difficulties we face, some as individuals and some as a family. Please pray that God would grant us healing of the many areas in our past which need it, and his guidance for each of us in the present and future. As we struggle, God supports. Many thanks.

For Caroline, Emily, Abe, Joe, Ruth, Uriah Elijah, and myself;  

——Father Rich Dibble+

P.S.: Uriah is a happy baby, growing well and doted on by not only his parents, but by his wonderful siblings.
St. Luke's Camp

The dates for St. Luke's Camp this year are August 10-16. We will again use the facilities of Camp Ashmere in Hinsdale, Massachusetts. We ask that you mark your calendars and pre-register campers with Bishop Williams (tac@metrocast.net) or Allan Wylie (allan.wylie@gmail.com) very soon so that we may begin our planning process.

St. Luke's Camp has had a long and successful history of providing a fun-filled week of Christian camping to our children. Prayer is an important part of our weekly activities. Daily chapel worship help our children learn the practice of prayer and its importance in their daily lives. A good prayer life helps a child grow spiritually, strengthening his or her life physically and morally.

Much of the day is occupied with fun activities like swimming, boating and a variety of crafts and games. Each year, the children perform an original play, learn about their faith and express their musical or acting ability in “talent night.”

St. Luke's Camp is open to all young people from the ages of eight to sixteen. They need not be members of one of our parishes. It is our goal to bring children to the gospel of Jesus Christ in an atmosphere of mutual respect and Christian love.

The cost of this superb week of camping is very reasonable indeed. At $275.00 it is a real bargain. Scholarships are also available.

-----Bishop Marsh

St. Luke's Camp

It is the middle of winter and it is time to start thinking about Saint Luke’s Camp.

Why in the middle of winter? So many reasons come to mind.

What about the friends I made last summer? Have I texted them lately?

Can I remember what it felt like to be warm outside or swim in the lake?

At St. Luke’s Camp I could run on the grass and kick the four-square ball around.

At St. Luke’s Camp I could sit under a tree and think about the questions to ask the Bishop.

At St. Luke’s Camp I could sit in the “Mess Hall” and sing those songs written by Father Kalish.

At St. Luke’s Camp I could listen to the others in my Cabin and get better about talking about things which are really important.

…. I could be in a play!

…. I should be planning what to do if there is another “Talent Show.”

…. I should remember how I learned to pray to Jesus a little better.

…. If I didn’t go to St. Luke’s Camp last summer, maybe I should tell my parents, grandparents or my priest or deacon that I want to this summer.

-----from Bishop Williams

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August
10—16
Webster NY
Holy Cross

Anglicans in America are
to be part of a larger church family.
Christmas is an important time of year for it is our
Dear Jesus’s birth, the beginning of the greatest
Evangelizing period of all times.
Formerly the Webster’s one-room school house,
our church was festooned, as a birthday party should be, with
Garlands, greens, candles and the
Happy sounds of excited children’s voices as they
donated the fleece blankets, hats and scarves they’d made to Community Place of Greater
Rochester, Rochester Hope lodge-American Cancer Society, and to the two teenage girls and
five younger children in the family Grace’s Girl
Scout Troop has adopted.
In due time, the New Year was celebrated with
hoopla and cheers. Can you believe it is
January, 2014 already?
Kings in crowns and turbans arrived on Epiphany
to honor the Holy Child. The
Light of the world was already making His
presence felt.
Many centuries ago, manna fell to feed our
Christian ancestors in their time of need. Could
it be that the
Newly fallen snowflakes are a type of manna to
rejuvenate our flagging spirits?
Over a few hours, a blanket of pristine white covers
Upstate New York.
Pastoral duties fill Fr. Martin Mahoney’s time, as he
Quickly and quietly ministers to his frozen flock.
Reminders of why the three Wise Men visited the
Babe focused our
Sights on the inclusiveness they represented.
Throughout Jim George Rice’s Marine Memorial
celebration on January 11, Fr. Martin emphasized how God walks in love with each of us
during our lifetime and beyond.
United within the joyful Epiphany, our congregation
provided a plethora of God’s bounty for a
brunch on January 12 along with faith and fellowship,
spearheaded by Dave and Kate Chamberlin.
Vestry members elected Eugene VanVoorhis to
be Sr. Warden and Tom Furgeson as Jr. Warden,
to continue the process of negotiating the hiring of Fr. Martin and Our Father’s temporal
business.
Welcoming hugs were given to the newly elected
Vestry members Harry Hoyen and Elsbeth
Howland, who began their three-year terms
during the All Parish Meeting in December, 2013.
X-degrees one day and mid-thirties the next,
encourage us to prayerfully take care of those
who are house-bound, as well as those who
make it to church.
Year-end audits by Stu Hotchkiss, Rod Heckaman,
and Dave Chamberlin found our finances on the
up-and-up, so,
Zeal for the coming year is alive and well at Holy
Cross ACA in Webster, NY. We’d love to have
you stop in for a visit.

West Seneca NY
Saint Nicholas Anglican Church

Epiphany greetings to you from Saint Nicholas’ Anglican
Church on the Niagara Frontier. May you continue to manifest
God’s love for all people in all
that you do.
After a very busy quarter,
Saint Nicholas was finally able
to sit back and relax a little.
This has been a very hectic
quarter with a celebration of our namesake, a visit
from our bishop and the standard Christmas and
Epiphany celebrations that light up an otherwise
gloomy dark winter here in Buffalo, NY.
The events began on December 7th with St.
Nicholas Day, when the parish hosted the Buffalo
Silver Band for a night celebrating our sixth anniver-
sary year of operation. The band performed many familiar Christmas tunes and hymns that were
enjoyed by all who came. Saint Nicholas Church
provides a practice area each week for the band
during the year and this was their annual gift to us as
a way of reciprocating the favor.
The weekend though was far from over, as our bishop, +Brian Marsh came to be among us for his annual Episcopal visit. It was very pleasant seeing +Brian and our friend Ed Pacht (our DNE editor) who traveled so far to come to the very western edge of the Diocese of the Northeast to be with us in Advent.

Christmas Eve saw a number of new faces and many old acquaintances renewed. We were able to include some very special music to our service thanks to our musician friends Vic and Pat Chiodo and Marina Brace on violin. Again this year we were able to invite back as our guest soprano Ms. Danielle DiStefano for a wonderful arrangement for choir, written by Danielle, of Ave Maria.

As of this writing Saint Nicholas Anglican has partnered with the IAF (International Anglican Fellowship) to work on the initial construction development of Soweto 2014, a new church plant in the TAC Diocese of South Africa and Praetoria. We have been in contact with Bishop Michael Gill about this exciting project to build a 300 person capacity church in the village of Soweto near Johannesburg, South Africa. It is our intent to get other churches involved in this mission opportunity as well. If you would like to help, you can contact Fr. Ed Ihde at eihde@aol.com or the IAF director - Erv Lischke at ervandmo@wildblue.net

——Fr. Ed Ihde

Amherst NH
St. Luke's

Our Annual Meeting of the Parish was held on Sunday, 19 January following a single service. Elections were held with the following outcome:
- 3 new vestry members (2 year terms) - Ed Fasci, James Vernadakis, and Richard Russell
- 2 vestry alternates (1 year term) - Mary Quigley and Frank Williams

Our numbers have grown such that we now can authorize 3 Synod Delegates. They are Mel and Lillian Power and Susan Powell.

2 Synod alternates - Barbara Steele and Ed Fasci

The Rector's Award for Service was presented to Lillian Power whose efforts over many years have allowed us to enjoy coffee hours and parish lunches which have been appreciated by all. Lillian is now under strict orders (from the Rector) to simply enjoy coffee hours from now on rather than getting them ready. Thanks, Lillian for all your work on our behalf!

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to departing Vestry members along with the thanks of the congregation for their service. Members going off of Vestry include our Junior Warden, Ken Miller and members Lorraine Williams and Jennifer Coppens.

Tuesday Bible Study is studying the Revelation to John.

The Spirit Series continues covering the last chapters of "The Holy Spirit and You".

Saturday Bible Study is studying the Book of Malachi.

Our Thursday Eucharists continue in the St. Andrew's Chapel.

There will be an Inquirers class to be given by Fr. Webb for those members wishing to be confirmed and/or received into the Anglican Church in America. Confirmation and a reception service will be conducted by Bishop Marsh on Sunday, 27 April 2014.

We are delighted to report an overwhelming response to our scholarship request to support ten students from the New Life Home at the Mt. Zion school. We have been supporters through donation to the New Life Home in Manchester, NH for many years but we have recently taken on the responsibility for educational costs for the young people there. Thanks to Jim Pinard and Pete Hinkle for spearheading this effort.

——Submitted by Lee Garre

Lebanon NH
Trinity Anglican Church

Though this report spans two of the High Holy Days, Christmas and the Epiphany, which merit Proper Prefaces and mention of special liturgical attention in the rubrics, it is hard to say that anything...
more compelling has happened in the last quarter in our small parish than the weekly celebration of our continuing faith. More than anything else, the continuing worship, study, and practice of our faith testifies to its relevance in our individual lives.

In December, despite the perils of Upper New England weather, Bp. Marsh, our rector, conducted a lively and informative Christian education and outreach session on the history of Christmas.

On another front, but against the same challenges of weather and the additional challenge of accommodating the rector’s peripatetic schedule, we completed a Bible study on Revelation and are now moving on, in the circular way of God’s way with us, to a study of Genesis. Finally, in this past season of giving, the vestry made significant monetary and material contributions to a local nonprofit shelter, while also supporting another local program to provide heating assistance to those in need. We were also fortunate to be able to assist the Lebanon school system in providing school accessories and supplies for children in need.

In closing, I might mention that I have recently been struck by the importance of stewardship in our relationship with our Lord. He has given us everything we have and He expects us to use it wisely and to His glory. This opportunity should bring each of us great joy. I am sure our parish is not unique in having some members who have become unemployed in these difficult times and that situation has reminded me of a stewardship presentation done by Bp. Strawn at the last general synod. One of his points was that stewardship is not an act, but, rather, a way of living. One of the reasons Scripture describes giving in terms of percentage is so that, no matter what one’s income, one is able to give some determined part of it to God’s work. God would not recommend it to us if we were not able to do it. This is, I think, an important concept for us to remember in both our own stewardship and with respect to those around us in difficult times.

---------- Allan Wylie

Logos House of Theological Studies

The winter has not slowed down the efforts of students in various programs at Logos House. The number of students has expanded geographically including a number of new students from the APA in the southeast and Texas. Cataloging of the library continues with several new collections donated to the library in Ellsworth. All of the students are now submitting work electronically and grades and transcripts are transmitted in the same fashion.

Dr. David McCready is currently working with Dean Webb to revise the Old and New Testament courses for deacons and priests. A new prerequisite has been added to the Deacon program, HS 101 — An Introduction to Holy Scripture. This course requires the student to outline the major topics, persons and content of each of the books of the Old and New Testaments and the Apocrypha. Understanding of the basic content of the books of the Bible is a noticeable weakness and this course helps the student develop a more complete understanding of the contents of Holy Scripture.

We have been testing a seminar program for older students which includes weekly meetings on core subjects in the STA and STB programs. The program focuses on specific subject areas along the study track and incorporates many of the lessons learned when we held the Deacon Study program in a classroom environment for six students two years ago. Students do oral presentations on subject areas and are given oral exams which are evaluated by the instructor. There is also a good amount of classroom discussion and formal teaching. Two students are in the program right now in Maine.

Staff is currently working on a plan to undertake a week long course program which will include class room study, evening work assignments and shared worship later this year. All of the classroom work will be for credit bearing courses and will provide a basic "seminary style" experience, even if brief. We are currently trying to find a central location and develop a plan that will make it cost effective for participants. The need for shared classroom experience is very real and critical to improving the quality of the student experience. The classroom programs will include specific course outlines and objectives, testing and the opportunity for discussion and instructor interaction. Key needs have been identified for this first program which includes Holy Scripture, Liturgics, Church History, Parish Administration, and Theology. A program announcement once completed will be sent to all students in the ACA, APA, ACC and APCK.

We have also been expanding our contact with student mentors. Mentors are critical to the development of each student. We have been in contact with many of them, as well as the students, on a regular basis to track student development and growth.

As always, Logos House would not be viable without the support of the President of the College of Bishops, Bishop Marsh, the Diocese of the Northeast, those who contribute to Logos House financially and through the support of Bishop Marsh, now the National ACA Church. We also have dedicated volunteers who help keep costs low. Over 50 students are now in studies. We do have a modest tuition cost but no student has been prevented from undertaking course work due to financial need.

A special word of appreciation to our Dean, Dr. Webb; Faculty especially Bishop Marsh and Dr.
Greetings in the name of the Lord from St. Joseph’s Anglican Church in Brooklyn, NY.

I am writing to you on behalf of the congregation of St Joseph’s Anglican Church. The following is a quick listing of some of the events that have transpired during the last few months.

In November we had our first Pre-Thanksgiving Congregational Feast in which the parish had a sit down dinner in which we broke bread, figuratively. In actuality, we had turkey with all the dressings, rice and beans, stew chicken, macaroni and a few other things that my mind has forgotten but the layer of fluff around my belly has not. I would like to thank all those who were involved in making it a success. Above is a picture of our very own Ms. Alice Trapp. Can you see the pretty smile on her face? When she smiles, it brightens up the room. Can’t you tell? She is our oldest member and we are proud to have her.

Also on that day, a few awards were presented. Picture to the left is our organist and choirmaster, Mr. Earl Morris and our very own Rev. Canon Neville Brathwaite. Mr. Morris has been serving St. Joseph, in many capacities but chiefly as our organist for 27 years. Father B, as we call him, has been bringing the Gospel of the Lord to St. Joseph as our priest for 34 years. He also has worn many hats and presently, he is our pastor working with Archdeacon Alan Koller to tend to the flock. We would like to thank both men, pictured to the left, for all of their devotion and wish them the best in all of their future endeavors.

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In November a few of our parishioners celebrated their birthdays. Pictured, to the right, from left to right is Mr. David Christian, Mrs. Myrna Mullings and, last but not least, is Mr. Matthew Horsford. Standing in the rear is Archdeacon Alan Koller, who had just given them some birthday prayers and led the congregation in a round of “Happy Birthday”. We wish them also, the very best.
In December, pictured to the right, is Mrs. Carmine Roberts who celebrated her birthday and does not look stunning. Standing next to her is Father B. It is all of these above-mentioned members of our parish who have been with us through thick and thin and we are proud to call them our family.

Mavis Baptiste celebrated her 21st birthday. I was, unfortunately, unable to attend (hence, no picture) but I heard that it was well attended by all those that love her and wish her the best. So do I. Also, in February, we had a Pre-Valentine’s Day Breakfast, hosted by the Women’s Auxiliary. Although not as well attended as we would have liked, due to the weather, I would like to think that the spirit and love of comraderie filled the Parish Hall that morning. Pictured seated are Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Trapp (front) and Mr. & Mrs. Eric Young (rear). Both couples are long time members of the Parish and supporters of all the events that we have.

We, the congregation of St. Joseph’s, would like to wish blessings to all during the Lenten season.

—Sincerely submitted, Mark Black Subdeacon, Postulant & Webmaster.

Canandaigua, New York
Holy Redeemer Anglican Church

The ground is covered in snow, and our arctic temperatures give no sign of abating. As I write this, it’s almost Valentine’s Day (and Bishop Marsh’s anniversary of his ordination as Bishop: Happy Anniversary!) and we are watching the latest winter storm, Pax, tracking Northeast through the eastern half of the country. Ironically, ‘Pax,’ meaning ‘Peace,’ while perhaps bringing peace to only a few, mostly children who receive the unexpected gift of a snow day, is wreaking havoc with ice, sleet, and heavy snow in communities which are not generally prepared for such weather. And those of us in the North, who are generally prepared for this, are tired of the extremes that we have seen this winter, especially since they began in November, a full two months earlier than normal. Even my small clump of Snowdrops, usually emerging in early February, is covering under this thick white blanket. But sometimes an unexpected respite, like a snow day, forces us to step back from our too-busy lives and to examine them with a more objective view, perhaps as God sees us and wants us to see ourselves, without distraction: to reflect on our blessings, to reflect on our accomplishments, and to be introspective about our purpose on earth, and our relationship with God.

Recently, I had a two-week forced introspection, knocked down with flu and pneumonia, and I spent a lot of time looking outside at the snow, and the birds, and the cold, gray winter, with no energy to do much else. The emails and written correspondence sat, unanswered, the meetings were not attended by me, and life went on anyway. When I had the energy to think, my thoughts were wistful ones, for a simpler way of life like I had so many years ago. As Lent approaches, I hope that I continue to reach for that simpler, more complete life, and a more meaningful relationship with God. In just two weeks, our parish will hold its annual “Shrove Sunday” pancake brunch, in anticipation of Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. I wish all of you a wonderful Easter season, and an early Spring.

The members of the Canandaigua Dress-A-Girl (DAG) ministry have been very busy making dresses and dolls. Even with the busy holidays, we collected over 30 dresses and 60 dolls since the last meeting in December. We had a very unusual request from a missionary in one of our neighboring churches. They are in the process of doing an “extreme makeover” in a day care center in one of the schools in a town called Orange Farm, in South Africa. The boys and girls (ages 3-5) wear aprons during the school day. The missionary asked if DAG could make new aprons for this makeover. They requested 80 aprons, and the ladies made all 80 in time for the missionary to take with them on their return to Africa in mid-February.

Recently, Holy Redeemer became a Sustaining Member of the IAF, the International Anglican Fellowship. Through the IAF and its Executive Director, Mr. Erv Lischke, we have been in touch with Fr. Andrew Mukuyamba, Vicar General of the Continuing Anglican Church in Zambia. Fr. Andrew serves three villages, and would like to have dresses for all of the girls in these villages. As soon as he provides all of the information that we need, we will
December was a sad time for the port community in Portland as Fr. Chaplain Jeff Monroe conducted a funeral for fisherman Martin Joseph Gorham on December 28th, who was lost at sea off his fishing boat on December 19th. The service was held at St. Dominic’s Church and was attended by over 200 family and friends. Mr. Gorham was washed over-board off Nantucket and his body was never recovered.

On February 13th, Fr. Chaplain Monroe gave the Christening prayer and blessed the new Casco Bay Island Ferry M/V WABANAKI at the Casco Bay Island Transit District Ferry Terminal. The event was held as winter storm Pax was hitting Portland Harbor and despite the weather over 80 persons including Portland’s Mayor Michael Brennan attended the event. Fr. Monroe noted in his comments that as the former Director of Ports and Transportation for the City, his new role as a port and maritime chaplain was his penance for being a public official.

New England ports are continuing to grow with increased ship calls. There is a significant shortage of port and maritime chaplains. Where New England once had a dozen or more from Anglican, Episcopal, Roman Catholic, Orthodox and Protestant Churches, only a small handful remain with clergy shortages evident in this ministry. Ship visitors in Boston, Portsmouth and Portland are coordinated by Seafarer’s Friend based in Boston. May visitors are now lay persons trained in this special ministry.

Upcoming events for the chaplains include the memorial service for loss of the Bohemia, 150th anniversary of the International Longshoremen’s Union in Maine and the dedication of the new Mariner’s Memorial at the Irish Heritage Center this summer.

-----Linda Mallik

**Maritime and Port Chaplains**

PORTLAND, Maine — After waiting nearly 22 months since its keel-laying, Casco Bay Lines officials weren’t going to reschedule the christening of their new ferry for any reason. So on Thursday afternoon, when schools, businesses and government buildings across the state were closed because of what forecasters labeled the biggest snowstorm of the season thus far, the island ferry operators were celebrating their newest vessel as planned.

Father Jeff Monroe, rector of St. Margaret’s Parish in Conway, N.H., blessed the boat as the snow piled up on its decks, pointing out that the blessing tradition goes back to the ancient Phoenicians. Monroe was formerly Portland’s director of ports and transportation. Then, students from Long Island Elementary School counted down from three and Patrick Flynn, president of Casco Bay Lines’ board, smashed a bottle of champagne over the jackstay at the bow.

The 110-foot-long, 32-foot-wide M/V Wabanaki will have a capacity of just less than 400 passengers, and was constructed by the Rhode Island-based Blount Boats over more than two years.

The vessel replaces the nearly 40-year-old Island Romance, which was also built by Blount, and is described by Casco Bay Lines as being similar in design to the eight-year-old M/V Aucocisco III. The Island Romance carried about 100 passengers fewer than the new vessel.

The M/V Wabanaki, which was funded by a federal stimulus act grant, was delivered to Portland on Jan. 9, when the ferry service began what it described as several weeks of crew familiarization training and U.S. Coast Guard inspections.

The name “Wabanaki,” which roughly means “dawn land” in reference to the northeastern region in the native Algonquian language, was chosen from the assistance of other local sewing groups. Hopefully, in the next issue of the NEA, we will be able to provide the details of the number of dresses and the villages where they were delivered. Stay tuned. [See our column in the December 2013 issue of the NEA, for further information about this wonderful ministry.]

On a personal note, I would like to congratulate my husband, and your DNE Chancellor, Walter W. Jones, Jr., on his appointment as National Chancellor of the Anglican Church in America, on February 4th, 2014, (the day after he achieved another milestone, a birthday with a very high number!) Congratulations!-----Diane S. Jones

**Snowstorm, what snowstorm? Casco Bay Lines christens new ferry**
submissions made by Long Island Elementary School students.

Casco Bay Lines in September held a groundbreaking on a $2.5 million renovation of its ferry terminal, a project that, when complete, will double the size of the terminal from 3,000 square feet to 6,000 square feet. The work will also move the public waiting area closer to the harbor, where new glasswork will allow passengers to look at the water and boat traffic while they wait for their ferries. The island ferry service carries almost 1 million passengers each year, nearly double the ridership of 25 years ago, when the current terminal was constructed.

Wells VT
St. David

Fr. Alexander Stringer
Awarded Additional WWII Medals

The last edition of the NEA contained the announcement that Fr. Alexander Stringer had been awarded the Arctic Star Medal for his service in World War II on Arctic Convoys. Since that announcement, the United Kingdom has awarded him the Atlantic Star Medal for his service and the Russian Federation has determined that he will receive the Russian Ushakov Medal for his service in Arctic Convoys. This medal also has a decree signed by the President of the Russian Federation. Fr. Stringer served as a leading airman aboard HMS QUEEN, a British aircraft carrier, on Convoy JW66 in April of 1945.

——Fr. Jeffrey Monroe, Chaplain (US)

Tuxedo, New York
Saint Elizabeth’s

We pray that all of you had a blessed Christmas and that you will have a prosperous, healthy and happy 2014. Once again, December at St. Elizabeth’s was filled with many Christmas season activities - our annual wreath and poinsettia sale, food collections and distributions at our local food pantry, a delightful Sunday School Christmas pageant, and joyous Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and year end services in our beautifully decorated chapel. Our sincere thanks go out to the Christmas “greens team” at St. Elizabeth’s, who spent many hours helping to decorate our chapel – a true labor of love during a time when all of us are stretched to the limit with busy holiday schedules!

Also during the Christmas season, the All-Season Chamber Players performed a beautiful classical music program at the chapel. The performing musicians donated their time and talents for this very special event in honor and loving memory of David & Betty Quackenbush, who generously supported this annual concert at St. Elizabeth’s for many, many years. We thank the All-Season Players for this wonderful and thoughtful gesture.

In January, we held our annual congregation meeting and vestry elections. We offer our congratulations and thanks to vestry members George Kress, Harry Prokop, Michael Collins, Dorothy Schmidt, Robert Davies, Carol Diedolf and Michael Koller. Bishop Langberg opened the annual meeting encouraging all of us to work diligently together and to make a concerted effort to seek out new and creative ways to grow our St. Elizabeth’s congregation and raise awareness of our presence as an inspiring place of worship where all our welcome. This is essential if we are to maintain an important, effective and vibrant role in our community. As a follow-up, group discussions have been scheduled to work on this effort and plan for the future of St. Elizabeth’s. Please keep us in your prayers as we strive to better serve God and his people. As part of this year’s plans, we have volunteered to host the 2014 Northeast Diocesan Synod in September and we look forward to seeing many of you and sharing fellowship with our fellow Anglicans at this wonderful event.

Kudos go out to Michael, grandson of Bishop and Betty Langberg, and son of our organist, Tanya, (Bishop’s daughter) and
husband Mike. Michael was the spelling bee champion at the Tuxedo Park School and this is the fourth year in a row that he has won this event! Congratulations, Michael, for this exceptional accomplishment—well done!

As February winds down, we look forward to ushering in the season of Lent in March, when we participate in sharing Wednesday evening ecumenical services with our neighboring Christian churches, each taking a turn at hosting a service.

Closing thoughts…...

This winter has brought us lots of very cold weather and snow, which probably has been the case for many of you as well. The upcoming season of Lent also gets us thinking that spring is soon coming, and even if March 20th, the first day of spring, is cold and snowy, I know that God has plans for warm sunshine and beautiful spring flowers popping up in the not-too-distant future. What a very happy and uplifting thought that is! Blessings to all.

-----Ingrid Magar

Ellsworth ME
St. Thomas

Greetings again from St. Thomas!

There are many exciting things happening here in Ellsworth. Once again our parishioner Pat Taniashvili has created a beautiful quilt which she has generously donated to the church to use as a fundraiser. We plan to hold a raffle, with the drawing to be held on August 31. The proceeds will go to the International Anglican Fellowship. Our many thanks to Pat.

We eagerly look forward to the formal installation of our rector the Rev. Ian Emile Dunn on Saturday March 8 at 11 a.m., by the Most Rev. Brian Marsh. We are excited by this event and a potluck lunch will follow. All are invited to join us for this exciting beginning to our next chapter.

After several years of faithful and generous service our Senior Warden Leroy Weed has decided to move on to other ways to serve the church. There are no words for how thankful we are for the work he has done over the years and we look forward to seeing what comes next for him. The vestry elected David Simmons, previously our junior warden, and many years ago our senior warden, to serve yet again as our senior warden. We also elected Pao-sheng Hsu as junior warden; both of these positions are interim and we will be electing new wardens in the spring at the annual meeting.

We are preparing for the upcoming season of Lent. One of our planned activities is a parish wide reading of Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s classic Life Together, a book exploring the aspects of living in a Christian community, which he wrote while directing the underground seminary in Nazi Germany.

We send our prayers for all our brothers and sisters throughout the diocese and thank you for yours.

-----Kevin A. Kelly
Enough is enough already with this weather. We folks who are originally from away were tired of it a month ago but now the natives are complaining. We only had to cancel one day but that was a real rarity for us.

We had our Christmas fair and the profits will be used to help for fuel costs. Our Midnight Mass was as beautiful as ever and we also brought back the custom of having a reception after the service. It helps to get psyched up before going out into the cold. I'll provide the egg nog next year. I am just not a coffee drinker.

At our annual meeting three of our new members were elected to the vestry. This indicates to me that people who were just trying us out are feeling at home here. With the help of some dedicated donations we have been able to continue painting the inside walls of the church, this time above and on both sides of the altar.

The Penitential season is now upon us and it serves its usual purposes of strengthening our faith and nourishing our souls, but it also serves the additional purpose of telling us Spring is coming.

Everyone here at St. Paul’s wishes everyone in the diocese a thoughtful and happy Easter.

-----John Serrage

Portland ME
St. Paul’s

This has been a rough winter for Holy Trinity, as I'm sure it has been for everyone in the diocese. We have reluctantly had to cancel several services, and other times the road conditions from Brewer to Waterville were interesting, to say the least. On one occasion we saw nine vehicles, including four semis, off the road. Two of the off-road trips had apparently happened shortly before we came along, but the vehicles were upright and it didn't seem as if anyone was hurt. Needless to say, we made very slow progress, but we arrived safely, as did the other brave parishioners who came.

We continue to have very enjoyable times of fellowship at a Tim Horton's restaurant after services. The staff there are very nice and treat us very well.

We are looking forward to the installation in March of Fr. Dunn at St. Thomas, and to an episcopal visit from Bishop Marsh on the following day.

-----Linda Kalish

Conway, NH
St. Margaret of Scotland

Greetings from St. Margaret’s in Conway. By the time this edition reaches everyone, some may be seeing a few tulips peeking up through the melting snow. However, for us here in the Mt. Washington Valley, in the shadow of the famous mountain, it is more like “blue lips” rather than tulips, considering the frigid weather we have had. But we are New Englanders, after all, and always make the best of it.

Our annual Christmas Fair went off without a hitch. Many beautiful baskets were on display made by the ladies of the parish and were snapped up by the folks who were at the church doors when they opened. This event is always a wonderful fund raiser for both the Women's Guild, chaired by Mary Thomas, wife of Senior Warden Peter Thomas and the Church.

The day following the Fair, the church held its annual “Kirkin’ O’ the Tartan” (Blessing of the Tartan) for those of Scottish ancestry, or those who like to be!
Several folks, including Deacon Harry Wells- man, Rosemary Grigoro- rovich-Barsky, Father Monroe, Maureen Fer- guson, and Ron Car- penter donned their Scottish finery. Several others at least sported a clan scarf. They were An- drew Ferguson, Jr. Warden, and John Wilcox, who maintains our Memorial Garden.

This year, for the first time, there were three Christmas services at St. Margaret’s. There was a Christmas Eve 5:00 high Mass, an 11:00 P.M. low Mass and a 10:00 A.M. Christmas Day Mass. No excuse not to celebrate the Baby’s Birthday! As always, our choir Director Tracy Gardner, provided an inspirational choice of music at the High Mass. There were guitars, African drums, and jazz renditions along with Jim Harrington’s traditional and beautiful “O Holy Night”. Several parishioners including Fr. Monroe and his wife Linda caroled at the local hospital and adjoining nursing home.

January saw the annual Women’s Guild Christmas party and Yankee swap held once again at the lovely home of Peter and Mary Thomas. There was a pot luck and the usual camaraderie. With the holidays already behind us, this is a nice relaxed way to end the season.

In January, Fr. Monroe and Linda took a much deserved month’s vacation to visit family in warmer climes, returning February 7th. In the interim, we were ably served by our Deacon, Rev. Mr. Harry Wellsman, and Fr. Kevin Lamarre, O.S.B., who generously gives of his time, traveling from his Priory in Raymond, Maine. St. Margaret’s is indeed fortunate to have the assistance of these 2 men of God.

On February 16, the parish held its annual meeting along with a delicious pot luck luncheon. Several matters of importance were discussed and voted upon. In addition, we accepted the nomination of Barbara MacLean to replace Vestrywoman Harriet Johnson. We thank Harriet for her years of service on the Vestry. The parish also agreed to send a local needy child to summer camp this year.

Prior to the meeting, and during services, a lovely drawing of the church was donated by the family of Bart and Marcia Bumstead in their memory. Mr. Bumstead had been a Vestryman, and Mrs. Bumstead had served in the choir. Also during services, Carol Davis was called up to receive a blessing as well as a cross from Father Monroe. Mrs. Davis has generously offered to join the Altar Guild, and was recognized for her willingness to serve. She replaces long time Altar Guild mainstay Ida Mackinney, who has retired after many, many years of service. We also thank Loretta Steward-Whitehead, Vestry Clerk, for her hours of work in pulling together the agenda, the last year’s minutes, and all the rest of the information for distribution to the members of the parish. Loretta’s meticulous attention to detail make this event go as smoothly as possible. Good work!

St. Margaret’s continues to be a welcoming, growing parish. We have added several new members in the last year, and continue our outreach under the guidance of (Dr.) Richard Legault, Vestryman, assisted by Greg Davis and Maureen Ferguson.

We now are starting to prepare for the Lenten season, and turn our thoughts inwards, examining our failings and strengthening our resolve to renew ourselves on Easter morning, when we are washed clean by the blood of the Lamb. We wish all our Anglican friends a productive Lenten season, and will join with them on Easter morning praising God and singing “He is risen, He is risen, alleluia.”

----- Maureen Ferguson

Charlestown, NH

Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd

Winter has come with a vengeance over the past few weeks as we are sure you have noticed. We have excellent snow-plowing service, but we have run out of room for the snow which has reduced the number of parking spaces available in front of the church to one. Nevertheless, we have been able to keep to our service schedule with the exception of canceling one Bible study session even though four people showed up for Morning Prayer that day.

We completed our Wednesday morning study of the Acts of the Apostles before Christmas and resumed the group meetings by watching an excellent DVD on the history of the King James Bible based on the book Majestie: The King behind the King James Bible by David Teems (2010). The book and the video, KJB: The Book that changed the World (2011) provided an informative and dramatic portrayal of King James’s effort to find a middle way between the Anglican bishops and the Puritan leaders in order to unite his kingdom. We are now reading the Book of Psalms.

Last Sunday Bishop Marsh patiently shepherded us through our Annual Meeting. He noted that this was his 16th year at Good Shepherd as rector and that the congregation has grown from 6 people in 1998 to 17
Institution made the Incarnation real again, many wondered at the ragged American Augustinian (members of this ancient Order ministered at the Shrine until Henry VIII desecrated and disbanded the pilgrim destination) who had the singular privilege to celebrate for the sanctification of souls and the unity of Christendom. Amazingly, no questions were ever asked about churchmanship or jurisdiction...only recognition of a child of Mary and his right to be in Her House preaching about Her Son, amidst other Christians who acclaim Her too, as Mother. England, Mary’s Dowry once more...

Christmas dawned with all the splendor and good will that is incumbent in the Season. Solemn Mass, expertly celebrated, was the highlight of the Feast. Again, many friends and family made the trek to the doors of All Saints and added their gifts to the liturgy, including the always welcome Fr. Robert Smolley and Br. Francis Marchese.

Fr. Christian also assisted at St. Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church on Christmas Eve with the Divine Liturgy, and attended the traditional Eastern European Christmas Eve feast that followed the liturgy.

Our Dickens’ Christmas was a rousing success with a wonderful interactive performance. Even with the threat of snow, people came from all over New Hampshire to attend this event held in our annex. Special thanks go the Dickens Carolers under the direction of our Arts Ministry Director, Jane Cormier, and Carlos Martinez. Also, to be remembered are the generosity of the people of All Saints who provided a splendid reception after the performance under the always capable direction of Shirley Hilliard and Dottie Belanger.

Concord NH
All Saints

——Submitted by The Rev. David W. Moody

England, Mary’s Dowry once more...so goes a hymn sung at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham on England’s east coast. In September, Fr. Christian was privileged to travel in pilgrimage to Great Britain and visit, among others, this unique revived medieval Shrine called England’s Nazareth.

Located within the Diocese of Norwich founded in 1061, Walsingham is a place of sanctity and ecumenical understanding as can only be found in the Patroness of the Place, St. Mary, the Holy Theotokos. She draws Christians from all spectrums: Anglican, Orthodox, Roman, Reformed, into a dialogue about how to be a true follower of Christ, in which She is the preeminent and most perfect example. While in this holy place, filled in September with Knights of Malta, C of E pilgrims, and Orthodox hegumens, Fr. Christian was assigned to celebrate Holy Mass on the Holy House altar for the Feast of the Holy Cross. Amid the flickering candles and whispered prayers, while the ancient Words of
The New Year always brings a promise of a bright future, and the new Ministry on the Move concept is in full sail. With an eye on the great English tradition of treble choirs, All Saints is starting a chorus with children 7-15 age range. Two performances will be held in the Easter Season one in Manchester at St. Mary’s Ukrainian Catholic Church and one in Concord, at the Carmelite Monastery. The overreaching concept is to expose the public to tradition through music, offering seasonally classical pieces from the children’s chorus while highlighting All Saints as the center for Arts.

Fr. Christian has been retained as a liturgical consultant with Holy Images, a Manchester based iconographic studio that does works for churches around the United States and abroad. He was recently consulted about the design and placement of a new Crucifix that is being constructed for a local Eastern Rite Church, but his true expertise lies within the symbolism and theology found in Western Rite images, a number of which he oversaw the development of for All Saints parish in Concord.

Lent will commence with a Mardi Gras celebration on Shrove Tuesday that will include a pancake feed along with a bit of history of the traditions and festivities that accompany the beginning of Lent. Also on the spiritual side, there are the Wednesday Masses at 5:30 PM, and the Friday Masses with devotions at 5:30 PM every Wednesday and Friday of Lent. As the season draws closer to Easter, the schedule for Holy Week and Triduum liturgies will be posted on the website: www.allsaintsnh.com

Old Orchard Beach ME St. Augustine of Canterbury

After a very busy summer and fall, St. Augustine’s has had quite a quiet winter. Late in Advent we had a wonderful luncheon to celebrate Christmas together. Our Christmas began with a quiet, intimate Christmas Eve service with a brief Service of Lessons and Carols as a start. The altar was beautifully decorated with Poinsettias and we had our little chapel decorated for the season.

We have had several Sunday services interrupted because of bad weather and, as a result, have had a bit of a bumpy winter. One of the bright moments this winter has been the addition of two new members, John and Barbara Schermerhorn. They found us through an online search as they moved to Maine from South Carolina. We welcome John and Barbara and enjoy their very quick adoption of us. We are now able to tease Jane and Roy Haugen saying they are no longer “the new people.” We have also had a couple of young ladies join us for Sunday school and we certainly hope they will become regulars.

The Outreach Committee was able to purchase 11 bicycles for foster children for this past Christmas, a project that was in its third year. It has become very popular with the local donors who contribute to the project and the children who receive the bicycles. Again, the project so touched another donor that all of the helmets were contributed for us. But our winter hasn’t been completely dull. We have been busily searching for a new home and this spring may have a couple of options that we had not yet found when we wrote to you last Advent. David Brennan is excitedly planning one of his St. Patrick’s Day dinners at a nearby senior housing development. This opens for us the possibility of developing a relationship with the residents not to mention lets us use a community room and kitchen that we had not discovered until recently. Father Andrew would also like to have a Passover dinner there which would be a new project for us and we are certainly looking forward to this event. We may have some opportunities to invite some people into our family by inviting them to join us for a variety of new activities.

By the time you read this newsletter St. Augustine’s will probably have had its second Shrove Tuesday pancake breakfast. We are in the midst of making these plans now. Spring should be just about to break by Shrove Tuesday and it will be nice to get out and stretch our limbs a bit – like coming out of hibernation!

We will, no doubt, begin planning even more of our Outreach and community work once spring arrives. We are abuzz with ideas and are looking forward to another fine spring, Easter and summer. In the meantime, we will honor Lent.

-----Sister Mary Raphael, O/OSB

NH Rochester
Trinity Anglican Church
Pro-Cathedral

Christmas preparations delayed. It has been the custom at Trinity to decorate the nave and sanctuary garlands, wreaths and poinsettias following the Sunday Services just before Christmas. This year the decorating was delayed for the funeral of Mrs. Evelyn Derby. Evelyn was ninety-one years old and a founding member of Trinity. The funeral service was held on Monday, December 23. But by the Vigil service on Christmas Eve, the poinsettias were on their stands, the wreaths in the windows and the Christmas Crèche set up.

On Christmas Day, following the morning service, Bishop Williams made a visit to drop off a Christmas Wreath a parishioner had bought at a fund raiser. He dropped something else – his Bishop’s Ring. Various locations were checked, the Church searched and St. Anthony help invoked. Snow being on the ground, the search appeared hopeless. Then the January thaw. The Bishop had to return to the Rectory to bring something to the Bishop’s wife. As he began to climb the few
short steps to the deck of the Rectory, he saw a purple glint from the sun. Down in the wet dirt, so recently covered by snow, was the ring. God be praised and thank you St. Anthony.

In January, the Parish resumed T.N.T. (Thursday Nights at Trinity.) With the experience from other years (and having an idea that this was indeed a harsh winter) it was decided not to have a Bible Study: too much chance that snow or ice would cause a cancellation which would ruin the flow of a proper study. Instead we decided to have our usual meal at six and then Bible Trivia. The parish has at least twenty Bible Trivia games. The Bishop selected the games. (It was also determined that he was not allowed to play.) The first part begins with general Bible Questions – age 6 and up. The second section is New Testament with more detail on Jesus’ life – His teachings – His parables. The third part’s questions are taken from the Catechism and Office of Instruction from the Book of Common Prayer. So far, we have only had to cancel once, had a birthday party and had a very fun (and educational) time.

Wishing you a Spirit filled Lent.

**News Notes**

**Synod announcement**

Our 2014 diocesan synod will be hosted by St. Elizabeth’s Anglican Church in Tuxedo, New York. Linnea will be sending out preliminary information regarding dates and hotel information. It has been several years since our synod was held at St. Elizabeth's and several clergy and delegates have never visited the beautiful church in Tuxedo. I know it will be a memorable event and I am looking forward to being with the diocesan family at our next synod. Many thanks to St. Elizabeth's for offering to host this important event in the life of our diocese.

**March Clericus**

Our Spring clericus will once again be held at Graymoor in Garrison, New York. The dates are March 20-21, though additional dates are available to any who wish to make private retreats. More information will be forthcoming from our convenor, Fr. David Moody. As in the past, our Spring clericus is open to both clergy and lay members of our diocese, as well as guests. The Board of Examining Chaplains will meet on Friday afternoon, March 21. The Board invites any man who is considering a clerical vocation to discuss the nature of his call.

The monastery at Graymoor, which is the monastery of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, is a beautiful setting. We will conduct our worship in the lovely St. Francis chapel. Please mark your calendars and make arrangements to join us at this unique clericus.

**Religious Education Sunday**

We have several men who are planning to enter seminary on a full-time basis. Though we are very fortunate to have the Helliwell Fund, which was established several years ago for the support of men studying for holy orders, its resources are limited. We have, therefore, designated March 9, 2014 as “Religious Education Sunday” and ask that individuals and parishes contribute an extra amount to the Sunday collection on that day. You may wish to make checks out to the “Diocese of the Northeast,” noting in the memo line: “Religious Education.” Separate contributions may also be sent directly to our diocesan treasurer, Kathy Lippman.

It is a great gift that we have men who are seeking a fulltime seminary education and we need to support them in their journey to holy orders. God's church will benefit from their work among us.

**Reconciliation Committee**

Many thanks to Bishop Langberg and the Reconciliation Committee. Several of us traveled to Atlanta (yes, THAT Atlanta) a couple of weeks ago to take part in the clericus meeting of our sister jurisdiction, the Anglican Province of America. During our time together, Bishops and clergy from both the ACA and the APA gathered for fellowship, worship and problem-solving. At our concurrent synods in October, it is expected that both the APA and the ACA will vote to approve identical new constitutions. This constitution has been developed by the Reconciliation Committee. It is not very different from our present constitution. It should be noted that approval of the constitution will require the affirmative vote of two synods. Accordingly, we are likely looking to 2017 for the full adoption of the constitution and, potentially, full reconciliation of our two jurisdictions. The Reconciliation Committee is also working on developing a common set of canons. The canons, it should be noted, require the vote of only one synod. It is hoped that these, too, may be adopted at the 2017 synod. In any case, Bishop Langberg and the Reconciliation Committee deserve much thanks and praise for the dedicated service they are providing to God's church.

**Clergy notes**

On Saturday, March 8, 2014, The Rev. Ian E. Dunn will be installed Rector of St. Thomas Anglican Church in Ellsworth, Maine. The service is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. All are invited to attend. We pray for the life and ministry of Father Dunn.

**Nonparochial Clergy**

Since we do have a number of clergy not currently in parochial work, I’m sure our people would like to know what they are currently doing. I invite any others to let us know for future issues. —ed

Fr. Bryon Koshgarian recently took a job as the program manager at a halfway house in Sche-
ADVENT HOPE
By Bishop Hiles

[This is from the December Issue of St. Paul, Brockton's parish newsletter, and intended for Advent, but I thought the content to be still timely—ed]

For some time the highly secularized media propaganda apparatus, with its skewed opinion polls and so-called analysis of such, has been telling us ad nauseam that the United States and much of the Christian world has in fact lost its faith - in God, in the Lordship of Christ Jesus, in the Church, and in their moral precepts. It's reasoned that by and large modern people find it untenable to embrace a God who miraculously came to earth in the form of an incarnate Son, both of whom disapprove of their natural sexual activity, yet who love them and whose attitude toward them can be influenced by prayer. Further such studies conclude that even nominal Christians spend less and less time attending services, live outside biblical standards of marriage and sexual fidelity, shun baptism, and give scant evidence of any spiritual disposition whatever. Given all this, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord Carey, has recently warned that Christianity in England is "a generation away from extinction." A grim outlook when Advent and Christmas are upon us once again.

A far more hopeful picture on this side of the Atlantic is offered in a recent study by sociologists at Baylor University. It indicates that the above-mentioned polls and analyses are flawed in asking wrong questions, so producing wrong responses. Primarily, it shows that most Americans in fact believe in God, pray often, and many have even had a religious experience. Furthermore, the Baylor analysis reveals that most of the respondents polled who say that they are "non-religious" actually mean that they are unaffiliated with any formal denomination. This latter disclosure doubtless has many differing meanings, positive and negative. Positively, it reveals that there is a trove of souls amongst and around us that do not really know God and the Lord Jesus, so a fertile mission field. Negatively, it likewise shows that the Church as a whole in this country, whatever the denomination and its due share of likely responsibility and loss, has utterly failed to reach and provide an acceptable place for the believers indicated. Moreover, with this, it displays a disturbing tendency across the Church to focus more attention on itself than on others - on what one recently termed "stabilization not evangelization" - on, that is to say, maintenance rather than mission - on, more sadly, being little more than places of hospice care for dying faithful.
February 13, 2014. I was supposed to meet an old friend and his wife for dinner tonight, but there is a massive storm overspreading the East Coast. Tomorrow is Valentine’s Day, a celebration my late wife and I did make something of. Somehow the wintry weather makes me think of how hurtful such a day can be for those of us who no longer have a loved one to share it with, as also for those who have never had such a love. . . .

Valentine Storm

There’s a strong cold wind and driving snow on Valentine’s Eve, before a day that warms the heart, or should, when cards and sweets and cooing words are meant to celebrate the warmth of love, to fan the fire that burns within the souls of two who deeply care, and find themselves, or so they think, destined to be ever one.

There’s a strong cold wind and driving snow on Valentine’s Eve, that pierces deep and chills the heart of those who sit alone, of those who loved, whose love has fled away: to death, perhaps, to leave a lasting emptiness, a void than nothing else can truly fill; of those who loved or thought they loved, who have been cast aside, deserted or forgotten, in the fading of a thing that they called love, and know a sore and lasting emptiness; of those who loved and, yes still love, with love that cannot be fulfilled, whose object is beyond what can ever be, and sit and wait in lasting emptiness; of those who hunger after love, who failing to find the one to love, also sit and wait in bitter emptiness.

There’s a strong cold wind and driving snow on Valentine’s Eve, for such a day of warmth and hope and joy fails to warm those for whom it has no message, and echoes in the vast and empty caverns where the chill wind blows, and ice and snow can fill the aching heart.

There’s a strong cold wind and driving snow on Valentine’s Eve, and romantic love cannot remove its chill, but in those empty chambers of the heart, there stirs a still small voice, and everlasting love is spoken in that voice, and promises to enter in with healing warmth, and hold the lonely soul forever.

-----ed pacht

As our Parish continues to grow and prosper in the Lord Christ, let's rejoice in Advent and the approaching Christmas season in the positive and paradoxically hopeful indications of the Baylor study. Let's show as we do so something of what Pope Francis has recently termed *The Joy of the Gospel*, knowing that that above all will touch the hearts and minds of hidden believers (among whom are family, friends, neighbors, fellow workers, etc.) and, at the same time, mercifully spare us from the failures indicated. Let's also hope and pray that all Christian traditions will turn from bland self-serving to vibrant soul seeking.
The International Anglican Fellowship (IAF) is the missionary arm of the Traditional Anglican Communion, of which we are part. Under a series of devoted and capable lay executive directors (the late Walter Killian, Peter Thomas, and now Erv Lischke) a variety of exciting and valuable projects have been made possible in various parts of the world, where there are faithful Anglicans (far more of them than there are in this country) with a fervent desire not only to preserve the Faith, but also to bring Christ in Word and Sacrament to those around them. The people are there, the heart is there, but the money is not.

That’s where we come in. Pressed though we may feel in this troubled economy, we are rich, unbelievably so, by the standards of most nations. We have resources that many of our brethren can hardly dream exist. We can help. Isn’t that just what our Lord wants us to do?

I’ve just received the February issue of What in the World??, IAF’s newsletter, and am once again impressed with the work being done and with the careful handling of the money entrusted to IAF by God’s people. Here’s just some of what I find in there.

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Guatemala and Central America under the leadership and personal ministry of Bishop Ruben Rodriguez. Pictured are San Marcos Mission in Chusica, and the bishop with a group of newly confirmed at Seven Gifts Mission, both in Guatemala.

Zambia where Archdeacon Andrew Mukuyamba is in charge of 19 congregations with 5 priests and 3 deacons in a large area with widespread poverty.

The Anglican Church in India (ACI) Headed by Archbishop Samuel Prakash, Metropolitan of the ACI and Acting Primate of the TAC. Funding provides scholarships for Christian students in their primary classes (22 at present). The church also sponsors a Christian youth camp each summer which requires funding for boarding, lodging, and a stipend for camp leaders. The IAF also supports the Rev. David Chattri who, with his family and an assistant, conducts missionary training for villagers in remote rural areas.

The Church in Southern Africa: Southern Africa is very poor with large numbers of unemployed (about 45% of the population) and many refugees from neighboring states who have poured into South Africa. Political turmoil and bad governance in neighboring countries has created a huge problem of poverty and many people live well below the breadline in sprawling shack communities on the edges of the cities. HIV and AIDS are rampant amongst these communities. As the Bishop of Southern Africa, Bishop Michael Gill has ecclesiastical responsibility for nine countries and IAF contributions help him support what can only be described as a “monumental” effort.

Several of our parishes have become Sustaining Members of IAF, and at least two are directly involved in ministries it supports: Project Soweto, which is building a new church in an impoverished part of that city; and Dress a Girl around the World, an innovative ministry that has helped many at-risk girls.

Through IAF we are also involved in relief work in the Phillipines, recently devastated by a series of storms and stand ready to step in on short notice when such tragedies occur.
Parable in the Storm

The snow falls and falls and falls.
So white it blankets all that is
with a covering pure, pristine,
pretty in its purity,
pleasant to the eyes,
so clean, so very clean.

But is it really clean?
Is it really pure?
Has the dirt and gross pollution
truly gone away?
Or is its purity illusion?
Is the filth still lurking
though it now cannot be seen?

When the warmth of sun
shall shine upon the snow,
at first it shall increase the whiteness,
show forth the brightness of the beauty
of the blanket that the storm has left behind,
and we shall look with oohs and aahs
on the glistening of the light it holds
and casts back into our admiring eyes.

But when the sun has shone a while,
and when its warmth begins to melt the snow,
the seeming pureness of the blanket will erode.
Its whiteness will begin to dim,
the greyness of imbedded ash begin to show,
and the ugliness of what is hidden will emerge:
dirt,
mud,
cigarette butts,
paper wrappers,
cans that once held beer,
and substances that one cannot name,
preferring not to know just what they are.

When the pretty masking snow has come and gone,
what is left will be yet worse than what was hid,
and vaunted purity will be shown to be a lie,
for filth must be gathered and destroyed
if cleanliness is to become reality.

So it is with human hearts.

-----ed pacht

The Advent Rood

A pair of feet, walking through a door,
A pair of knees, kneeling on a floor,
A pair of eyes, looking at a cross,
A lonely man, thinking of his loss.

He looks to the cross, but cannot speak,
For he is weary, weary and weak.
He sighs, despair, in silence weeps;
His soul cries out from deepest deeps.

But lo, before him, far above,
Hangs the sign of greatest love:
Upon the cross before his eyes
He watches a man as he dies.

The mother is there, next to him,
Her shoulders limp, her features grim.
A bleakness in her won't abate -
She can only stand and wait.

The waiting's o'er, for with a nod
He gave his soul to the only God.
The man is dead; the people go
Weeping and wailing in their woe.

"This was the man," so they thought,
"In whom was life and death was not -
"The man who came to save us all."
But he was dead, and life was gall.

Their faith was weak, for they forgot
That he'd told them, "Sorrow not."
That he'd promised things to be
That would banish misery.

For he'd said that he would die,
But that there'd be no need to cry,
For he would rise and live again,
And so he did. Amen. Amen.

(this came to me in 1968 while meditating on the great Rood at Church of the Advent in Boston and was written that night in my hotel room.)

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Anglican Church in America
Diocese of the Northeast
Approximate location
of parishes and missions
Parishes and Missions

Connecticut
Mystic: St. Matthias—Sun 10.30
(at Old Mistick Village, Coogan Blvd.)
Mail to: P.O. Box 293, Mystic, CT 06355
Dcn Merrill Perkins 860-581-0484

Deblosi: St. Francis
Fr. James Dumond 1069 Rt 193 (207)638-2441

Ellsworth: St. Thomas - Sat 3pm, Sun 10am
(373 Bangor Rd., Rt. 1A) (207)667-2001.
Fr. Ian Dunn, Fr. Frank Grey

Old Orchard: St. Augustine of Canterbury
Sun 10am , (Cathedral Pines Chapel,
156 Saco Ave), Father Andrew Faust
Deacon Allen Ryan, (207-229-8700).

Portland: St. Paul
Sun 8 & 10 am (279 Congress St.)
(207)828-2012. Fr. Samuel Logan
Fr. Amos Mihanda, Dcn Bro Ignatius, Dcn Al
Ryan, Dcn Michael Cupoli, Fr. Joseph Bizimana

Raymond: Our Lady of Seven Sorrows Priory
Sun 8am (May through Nov.) (4 Shaw Road)
(207)655-4441 Rev. Prior Kevin LaMarre, OSB

Waterville: Holy Trinity - Sun 10am
(chapel, Sacred Heart RC, 70 Pleasant St.)
Fr. Ed Kalish (207) 989-2117,

Massachusetts
Belchertown: occasional services
at the bishop’s oratory (1 Main Street)
contact Bishop Marsh (413)323-7869

Brockton: Saint Paul’s - Sun 8 & 10.30
(701 Pleasant St.) 508-588-7285
Bp. James R. Hiles, Dcn. Czarr Freeman

New Hampshire
Amherst: St. Luke - Sun 8 & 10am
(3 Limbo Lane) (603)672-6054.
Fr. Alexander H. Webb

Charlestown: Good Shepherd - Sun 9am
(20 Summer St.) (413)552-1580.
Bishop Brian Marsh.
Fr. David Moody

Concord: All Saints’ - Sun 9am
124F Hall Street (603)545-9079
Fr. Christian Tutor OSA.

Conway: St. Margaret of Scotland - Sun 10am
(85 Pleasant St.) (603)847-2404
Fr. Jeffrey Monroe, Dcn Harry Wellsman

Lebanon: Trinity—Sun 11am
28 Maple St.) (413)323-6445.
Bp Brian Marsh, Dcn. Robert Philp

Rochester: Trinity - Sun 8 & 9.30am
(180 Rochester Hill Road) (603)332-4121
Bp. Owen Williams, Fr. Joseph Bizimana

New Jersey
Elizabeth NJ: St. Augustine—Sun 10am
(55 Jefferson Ave.)
Fr. Luis Aguilar, 786-342-5841

New York
Brooklyn: St. Joseph - Sun 11am (123-131
Arlington Avenue), Canon Neville Brathwaite
(718) 756-1258, Archdcn. Alan Koller (845) 496
-2804, Dcn. Herby Rodney

Canandaigua: Holy Redeemer -Sun 10am
(4575 Rte 364 - East Lake Road).
Fr. James Ayers. (585)334-3512,
Fr. Dale Bove (585) 905-3084

Tuxedo: St. Elizabeth - Sun 10am
(38 Chapel Turn, Eagle Valley)
Bp. George Langberg. (845) 753-2580
Fr. Robert Ley (973) 962-6849

Webster: Holy Cross - Sun 10am
(615 Bay Road).
Fr. Martin Mahoney (585) 236-7190

West Seneca NY: St. Nicholas. Sun 10am
(2783 Seneca St.), Fr. Edward Ihde
716-609-1919

West Winfield: St. Lucy (10265 US Rte 20)
(315)725-3745. Fr.. Richard Dibble

Vermont
St. Johnsbury: Christ Church—Sun 10am
(54 Southard St.—SDA church) Fr. Art Bennett
cell 603-504-5631

Wells: St. David—1st Sun 9:30am. A house
church, usually at 18 Mountain View Court.
Call Fr. Alexander Stringer (802)645-1962

Associated Anglican Parishes
Halfmoon (Clifton Park), NY: St. Thomas of
Canterbury—Sun 10am (242 Grooms Road )
Fr. Richard Dibble (315)725-3745
**Clergy Anniversaries**

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